

WATER USERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Users on Utah Lake and Jordan River from the pumping plant on Utah Lake, to and including, the North Jordan Weir near Midvale, Utah.

The meeting was held in the Natural Resources Conference Room, Room 219, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 22, 1971, at 2:00 p.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation Water Department
James B. Lee	Attorney - Kennecott Copper Corporation
C. Rell Swensen	President - North Jordan Irrigation Co.
Alma Fairbourn	President - East Jordan Irrigation
Richard Carlquist	President - South Jordan Canal Company
Clyde W. Gillam	U.S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Company
Dean D. Kerr	Kennecott Copper Corporation
E. K. Winder	Sec.-Treas. - Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co.
Vern H. Morgan	President - Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co.
Frank Reese	Controller- Water Rights, State Engineer's Office
Hubert C. Lambert	Utah State Engineer
Stanley Green	Division of Water Rights
William L. Buxton	Division of Water Rights
Richard R. Pexton	Distribution Accountant - State Engineer's Office
David B. Gardner	Commissioner - Utah Lake & Jordan River
Leland Withers	President - South Jordan Canal Co.
Ivan Colby	Galena Canal Co.

David B. Gardner, Donald C. Norseth, Richard R. Pexton, Frank Reese, Stanley Green and William L. Buxton were present, but had no voice in the voting. The Kennecott Copper Corporation's interest was voted by Mr. Dean D. Kerr and Mr. James B. Lee, and the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company's interest was voted by Mr. Clyde W. Gillam. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was a quorum in attendance.

Donald C. Norseth, Division of Water Rights, State Engineer's Office, opened the meeting and welcomed all members and set forth the purpose and procedure of the meeting.

Mr. Norseth indicated that the budget for the Water Users on Utah Lake and Jordan River was to come from the assessments from each of the members, and that no accounts would be paid by the State of Utah itself, which is set by the laws of the State of Utah. He further indicated that there has been absolutely no problems in collecting the necessary assessments from this district, and commended the members for their cooperation.

Mr. Norseth commented to the members on the proposed consolidation of the lower Jordan River Users for the year 1970 with the upper, ie., Utah Lake and Jordan River. He indicated that the State Engineer's Office, and basically himself, acted as Commissioner for the lower users, and because of the amount of water that was discharged down the Jordan, he had very little problems in controlling their system, but indicated to the members that their annual meeting would be held later this month or maybe sometime in February, and he would advise the committee if any action would need to be taken.

He then indicated, that it would be necessary to select a chairman and secretary for this meeting. It was moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Withers, that Mr. Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman and David B. Gardner act as Secretary. There were no objections to these two men holding these positions, and so elected by acclamation, the motion was voted and passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Clyde W. Gillam, who would represent United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company, taking the place of Mr. C. J. Barber, who has retired. He also introduced Mr. Stanley Green and Mr. William L. Buxton, both of the Division of Water Rights, State Engineer's Office, to the body.

Mr. Wilson then asked all members of the meeting to look over the minutes of the previous meeting held January 21, 1970, for any corrections deletions or ammendments. Mr. Swensen then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kerr, that the minutes stand approved as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then asked for the financial report from Mr. Frank Reese of the State Engineer's Office. After a complete review of said report, it was declared that it would be made a part of these minutes. Mr. Fairbourn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kerr that this financial report be approved. Voted and passed unanimously.

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1970

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1970: \$5,739.52

B. Receipts and Expenditures:

1. Receipts:

(a) Regular Assessments	\$14,000.00
(b) Delinquent Collections	16.24
(c) Total Receipts	14,016.24

2. Expenditures

\$13,484.58

C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1970: \$6,271.18

Mr. Wilson declared that the next order of business would be the election of a Commissioner and Deputy Commissione for recommendation to the State Engineer, Mr. Lambert. It was then moved by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that David B. Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for the position of Commissioner of the Utah Lake and Jordan River, and that Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended as his Deputy, both for a period from January 1, 1971 thru December 31, 1971, or until a successor to either or both be appointed and qualified. Also, that the salary of the Commissioner be set at \$5,800.00, payable in twelve equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of the system, and to file an annual report of his work with the State Engineer. In addition to the above salary, the association shall pay the phone bill in the amount of \$10.00 per month, and \$20.00 a month shall be paid the Commissioner for office rent, and he shall receive \$.10 per mile automobile expense while on official duty. The Deputy Commissioner's salary shall be set at \$4,500.00, payable in twelve monthly installments, and he shall receive in addition, \$.10 per mile automobile expense while on official duty, together with two weeks vacation with pay. Said vacation to be taken only during the non-irrigation season, and vacation dates to be approved thirty days in advance by the Commissioner. Mr. Rindlisbach, also to have some weekends off during the summer time. These dates also to be

approved by the Commissioner. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the appointment from the Water Users, a committee to represent the Water Users, and to transact any business with the State Engineer's Office on behalf of the Water Users for the year 1971. The body selected is as follows:

Charles W. Wilson
Richard Carlquist
Alma Fairbourn
Dean D. Kerr
David B. Gardner

Motion made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Withers, that these men act as the committee. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was the setting of the budget for the year 1971. This budget is set forth as follows:

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$5,800.00
1-C	Matching Social Security Tax	301.60
1-F	Matching State Retirement	250.00
2.	Deputy Commissioner's Salary	4,500.00
2-C	Matching Social Security Tax	234.00
2-F	Matching State Retirement	200.00
3.	Commissioner's Travel Expense \$.10/mile	600.00
4.	Deputy Commissioner's Travel Expense \$.10/mile	400.00
5.	Commissioner's Telephone Expense	120.00
6.	New Equipment Expense	700.00

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	\$ 100.00
8.	Commissioner's Annual Report	300.00
9.	Office Supplies	50.00
10.	Miscellaneous Expenses	50.00
11.	Office Rent	240.00
12.	Health Insurance Contribution	425.00
13.	Contractural Services	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL		\$14,770.60

Mr. Carlquist made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fairbourn that the Annual Budget for 1971 be set at \$14,770.60, and an assessment be made by the State Engineer's Office to the users in the amount of \$14,000.00, with a minimum assessment to any user be set at \$1.00. Also, the State Engineer be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the association on December 31, 1970, to meet expenses until such time as the 1971 assessments is collected, and that the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all accounts that are sixty days delinquent. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was to have David B. Gardner report to the users the water outlook for the year 1971, and that report is as follows:

The water supply outlook for the calendar year 1971 is again excellent, with Utah Lake elevation being a -1.27 feet on January 1, 1971, whereas, it was a -0.86 feet on January 1, 1970, which is a differential of 0.41 feet lower in elevation.

The Snow Survey as of January 1, 1971, indicates the water shed for Utah Lake and the Jordan River running between 178% to 204% of a fifteen year average, which is approximately 70% above the 1970 prediction. The Weather Bureau has also indicated that they feel there will be a 600,000 acre feet, plus inflow to Utah Lake from January thru September. I feel that this prediction is high by approximately 50,000 acre feet.

There has been much discussion concerning the possibility of major flood damage in either Utah and/or Salt Lake County depending on spring stream runoff due to the amount of snow cover at this time, and there has been considerable talk of activating the pumps on Utah Lake, thus increasing the discharge of the Jordan River, and in turn holding the Utah Lake below compromise, but as Commissioner, I would advise the users not to proceed with this proposal. At the present date, there is approximately 400 second feet of water discharging past the Turner Dam at the Jordan Narrows, with approximately 250 second feet left before flooding occurs in Salt Lake County. If the pumps were started and run to their full capacity, we would have approximately 900 second feet discharging from the Jordan River into Salt Lake County, which in turn, would create an excess of 250 second feet of flood damaging water. Running the pumps for the period of February 1st thru May 1st at full capacity would only make a differential of 0.3 feet over gravity flow as it now stands.

The Jordan Dam Commission met in my office January 7, 1971, to review the status of Utah Lake. I made a report concerning the lake elevation, and the opening of both of the gates at the lake and the radial gates on the Turner Dam in the Jordan Narrows. They agreed everything had been done according to the Compromise Agreement concerning the Jordan River in a free flow state. At this same meeting the new Commissioner, Phil Edwards of Provo, Utah, was officially accepted by the Commission, and at this time, I would recommend to the users that this Dam Commission be approved for the year 1971.

After Mr. Gardner's report, Mr. Kerr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Withers that the Utah Lake and Jordan River Water Users accept members of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission, as follows:

Seymour J. Godfey, Chairman
Alfred J. Madsen, Member
Frank Pierson, Member
Phil Edwards, Member
Ward C. Holbrook, Member and Referee (Davis County)

Voted and passed unanimously.

A report was then made by Mr. Green, Division of Water Rights, State Engineer's Office, concerning the readjudication of the distribution system. He indicated that he had taken over Mr. Joe Melling's position, and was proceeding with the study. He indicated that it was approximately 90% completed, and hoped it to go to press this spring, but gave no definite time in which the users could count on having it in their hands.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was a bill that had been submitted to the Utah Legislature (House Bill No. 79) concerning the ecology of the natural stream beds within the State. He reviewed this bill with the members present, and indicated that it was very non-workable, and asked those members present to contact their legislative bodies in their district and indicate to them their objections on the bill.

Mr. Hubert C. Lambert then addressed the members and expressed his appreciation to each for their cooperation with the State in all manners concerning the distribution from Utah Lake. He indicated that he would appreciate help from this body concerning the investment of funds, ie., budget and trust funds held with banking institutions so interest could

be gained on these monies held. Motion by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Swensen that the committee so elected be allowed to work with Mr. Lambert and the Secretary-Treasurer of the State of Utah on the investment of their funds. Voted and passed unanimously.

No other business to come before this body, Mr. Wilson declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary.